

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method of producing complete Hepatitis A Virus (HAV) particles comprising the steps of providing a cell culture supernatant of an HAV infected VERO cell culture; concentrating said cell culture supernatant; treating an HAV preparation from the cell culture supernatant of the HAV infected cell culture with a nucleic acid degrading agent and a protease; filtering to remove impurities to obtain a purified preparation of complete HAV particles in a single step; and isolating said purified preparation of complete HAV particles, wherein said purified preparation of complete HAV particles has less than about 30 pg contaminating nucleic acid/ IU HAV antigen.

Claim 2 (original): The method according to claim 1, which further comprises concentrating said cell culture supernatant prior to treating said nucleic acid degrading agent and protease.

Claim 3 (canceled).

Claim 4 (original): The method of claim 1, wherein the nucleic acid degrading agent is an enzyme.

Claims 5-6 (canceled).

Claim 7 (original): The method according to claim 1, wherein said protease is Pronase or an enzymatically active fraction thereof.

Claim 8 (original): The method according to claim 1, wherein said protease is purified *Streptomyces griseus* trypsin.

Claim 9 (canceled).

Claim 10 (original): The method according to claim 1, wherein said cells are grown in a serum free or serum and protein free medium.

Claim 11-12 (canceled).

Claim 13 (previously presented): The method according to claim 1, wherein said purified preparation of complete HAV particles has at least about 5000 IU of HAV antigen / mg protein.

Claim 14 (previously presented): The method according to claim 1, further comprising a step of treating the preparation of complete HAV particles with a virus inactivating agent.

Claims 15-51 (canceled).